

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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PATNA AIRPORT
Jha Shri Raghunath

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Patna International Airport is far behind the standard of any International airport;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the action taken by the Airports Authority of India to provide such facilities at this airport as are available at the airports of other countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b) & (c) Though Patna airport is not an international airport, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has endeavoured to provide modern facilities at this airport. The airport has been included in the list of 35 non-metro airports to be modernised. AAI has plans for expansion of terminal building, construction of additional apron & isolation bay, a new integrated cargo complex etc. subject to land being made available by the State Government. Extension of runway has not been possible due to non availability of land.